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May 24, 2002

Janirka Ponce, DVM  
Bayonne Animal Hospital  
1170 Kennedy Blvd.  
Bayonne, NJ 07002

RE: File #02-006 – “Bingo” Ciancia

Dear Dr. Ponce:

This is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has received and reviewed certain information regarding activity in which you were engaged as a Board licensee. The Board's initial review discloses what appears to be a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.7, failure to provide emergency care on December 31, 2001 when Ms. Ciancia's cat "Bingo" presented with a urinary blockage.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$500. Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will then consider this statement and render a final decision. You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled, and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing you may, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the Board to finally determine whether the unlawful acts set forth herein have been proven.

You should also be aware that upon final evaluation of the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board may, if unlawful acts are found to exist, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of costs and directing that you cease and desist from continued use of those acts found to be unlawful.

Janirka Ponce, DVM

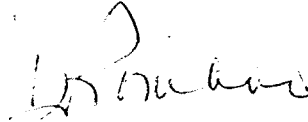
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**The enclosed certification must be returned to the Board with your indicated course of action within ten (10) days following receipt hereof. In the event that the Board receives no response within ten (10) days, the Board will consider you in default, the allegations contained herein shall be deemed uncontested, and the Board will proceed to finally review this matter and enter an appropriate final order.**

Yours very truly,

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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Executive Director

c: Olga Bradford, DAG  
James A. Galdieri, Esq.  
Vicky Ciancia

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CERTIFICATION

I have received the Board's letter dated May 24, 2002 regarding alleged violations of the Board's enabling act and/or Board regulations.

Please check one:

  X   The allegations set forth therein are acknowledged, and I enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$ 500.00 payable to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Assurance is hereby given that the conduct alleged in the notice will not continue or recur.

       I hereby waive any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter and submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration in this matter.

       A hearing on this matter before the Board is hereby requested. The Board may, however, refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing.

File Number: 02-006

Date: May 31, 2002

Janetka S-R Poncer  
(signature)

